

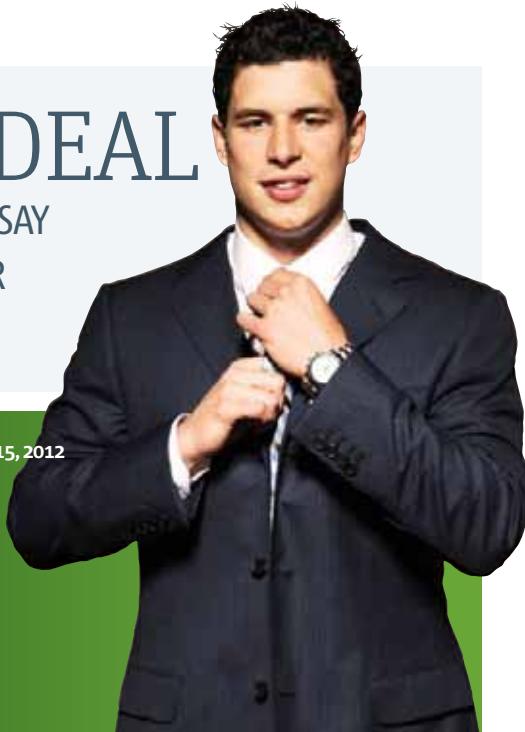


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News worth sharing.



Canada's Ryan Strome hoists the Canada-Russia Challenge Trophy as his teammates celebrate on Tuesday after beating Russia in overtime. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Up to the Challenge

Halifax hero. Strome scores OT winner as Canada beats Russia in dramatic fashion



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Canada wrested victory from its arch-rival in the finale of the Canada-Russia Challenge in Halifax on Tuesday.

After Russia fell 4-2 in the last leg of the under-20 men's hockey tournament at the Metro Centre, the two teams sat tied 2-2 in the series and went to sudden-death overtime to decide a winner.

Ryan Strome, a first-round pick of the New York Islanders, raised the crowd of 8,768 to its feet just 3:20 in, pulling a nice toe-drag move in the faceoff circle and ripping a wrist shot past goaltender Andrei Vasilevski.

"It was big for us," Strome said. "We had a bitter taste in our mouth from (losing to) Russia in the semifinals of the world juniors last year, and this is a little bit of redemption."

Although it was a pre-season tournament, it celebrated the 40th anniversary of the 1972 Summit Series — famously won by Canada — and the games were entertaining and action-packed.

In the regulation win, Portland Winterhawks star Ty Ratelle scored back-to-back power-play goals just 2:56 apart in the second period to turn a 2-1 deficit into a 3-2 lead and propel Canada to victory.

"I think they were just so mad (after Monday's 6-5 loss), they just couldn't lose today," said Russian star Mikhail Grigorenko.

Canadian captain Jonathan Huberdeau hoisted the championship trophy over his head in the post-game celebration and passed it from player to player, while goaltender Malcolm Subban circled around waving a Canadian flag, much to the delight of the Halifax fans.

"The crowd was unbelievable," said Canadian forward Mark Scheifele, who had three assists. "They gave us that energy that we fed off of and we were able to get that extra bit of energy to put it home."

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Arena strategy approved in principle by regional council

Recreational facilities.

Staff to continue work on possibility of consolidating Halifax, Dartmouth rinks

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Halifax regional council has approved in principle a long-term arena strategy that suggests spending \$85 million to consolidate six rinks into two.

After lengthy debate Tuesday, council voted to direct staff to continue working on the strategy, aimed at addressing the Halifax Regional Municipality's long-term arena needs.

The strategy, in addition to recommending a central scheduling system and a new

community-access policy, recommends building multi-pad arenas in both Dartmouth and Halifax. Staff expect consolidating the aging rinks will save \$2 million in operating costs every year.

But the savings come with a hefty upfront cost — about \$17 million in capital costs a year for five years. According to the report, the current site of the Halifax Forum could be used for one arena, while Dartmouth Crossing or Shannon Park could house rinks on the other side of Halifax Harbour.

HRM's director of Community and Recreation Services, Brad Anguish, was at pains to stress that the strategy — in the works since 2010 — is the beginning point for a discussion on HRM's rinks, not a foregone conclusion.

"We haven't had those head-to-head conversations with the proper authorities at the table to give us (an indication as to) what they need and what they want," Anguish told councillors.

At issue is the fact that 60 per cent of rinks in the municipality are over 30 years old. The Halifax Forum, a designated heritage building, was built in 1927.

Same number

85

Both the number of years the Halifax Forum has been open and the projected cost, in millions, of building to new consolidated arenas.



The Halifax Forum, constructed in 1927, is the oldest arena operating in HRM. Halifax regional council have directed staff to continue to consider the possibility of consolidating six arenas across Halifax and Dartmouth. JEFF HARPER/METRO

The report also recommends a central scheduling system in order to book ice time more efficiently, as well as de-

veloping a community-access policy aimed at equitable distribution of that time.

Tuesday's approval does not

allow staff to actually implement the strategy; it only directs staff to continue to work on the matter.

Economy. Report says foreign students promote innovation, investment

A report commissioned by the federal government suggests that Canada's economy can be boosted by having more international students study here.

The task force responsible for the report, led by Western University president Amit Chakma, illustrates strategies to recruit foreign students to Canada so the country can prosper as workforce needs are met.

The report, released today in Halifax, says investing in international education requires federal funding support for new scholarships for international post-

secondary students.

The task force recommends the creation of a new Council on International Education and Research to provide the federal government with policy advice.

Paul Davidson, president of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, says the initiatives will keep Canada in a successful and competitive position for international education.

He says not only will the country benefit from an economic standpoint, but it will position Canada as an international leader in research and innovation. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

HRM examining two sidewalk-tax systems

Benefiting from sidewalks

A number of councillors — many of them representing urban districts — pointed out that even if residents don't have sidewalks on their street, they still benefit from sidewalks in other parts of the municipality.

was general rating all sidewalks across the municipality, the second (was) taking sidewalks along arterial and collector routes and putting them into a general tax but looking at some kind of a standardized area rate for sidewalks along local roads."

The debate was largely split along urban-rural lines. Some councillors, such as Beaver Bank-Fall River-Waverly Coun. Barry Dalrymple, were against residents who have no sidewalks paying for sidewalks they do not benefit from.

ALEX BOUTILIER/METRO

Assault

Baseball-bat attack leaves one man in hospital

Police are investigating an assault after a man was beaten with a bat Tuesday morning.

At 6:22 a.m. police were called to the corner of Mont and Hillary Streets, where they found a 46-year-old

man who had been beaten with a bat. He was taken to the hospital with what police say are significant but not life-threatening injuries.

Police are waiting to speak to the victim, but they don't believe it was a random attack.

The suspect, who drove off in a dark blue Mitsubishi, is described as white with a skinny build and either bald or with short hair.

JENNIFER TAPLIN/METRO

Fire hazard

Flying lanterns banned by fire marshal's office

The fire marshal's office in Nova Scotia has banned flying lanterns.

Acting fire marshal Harold Pothier says the lanterns, also known as sky lanterns, pose a fire hazard. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Funny money

Man charged with counterfeiting

Halifax Regional Police charged another person with trying to pass off counterfeit American bills.

Stephen Ambrose MacNeil, 49, of Dartmouth was arrested Monday and charged with three counts of uttering forged documents. Police received 12 reports

of funny American money around HRM in the past two weeks. In this case, they investigated when a man used the bills in three separate transactions at a Dartmouth Crossing store on Aug. 8.

The bills all have the same serial number and the ink runs when they get wet.

Earlier this month, a 44-year-old Dartmouth woman was charged in relation to two incidents.

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From fresh-faced youngsters to vocal virtuosos: Scan the code to see these kids transform into colourful characters at the Peking Opera summer camp.

Innovative 'air motor' design made at Dalhousie University

Next step: commercialization.

Engineering student and prof team license engine they developed

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A lighter and more energy-efficient engine technology developed at Dalhousie University is on its way to being commercialized.

The university announced Tuesday they have signed an exclusive worldwide licensing agreement with York Bridge Enterprises, a private-equity firm that focuses on supporting early-stage Canadian technology companies.

"Dalhousie is home to world-class researchers developing innovative technologies that compete on a global scale," said George Smitherman, a founding partner of York Bridge. "This is reflected in Darrel Doman and Braden Murphy and their pneumatic technology."

Engineering master's student Braden Murphy and his professor Darrel Doman developed a new type of compact pneumatic rotary engine, which does mechanical work by expanding

compressed air.

"Today is about celebration," said Murphy on Tuesday. "Bringing the technology out of the university environment and continuing the commercial development — it's exciting."

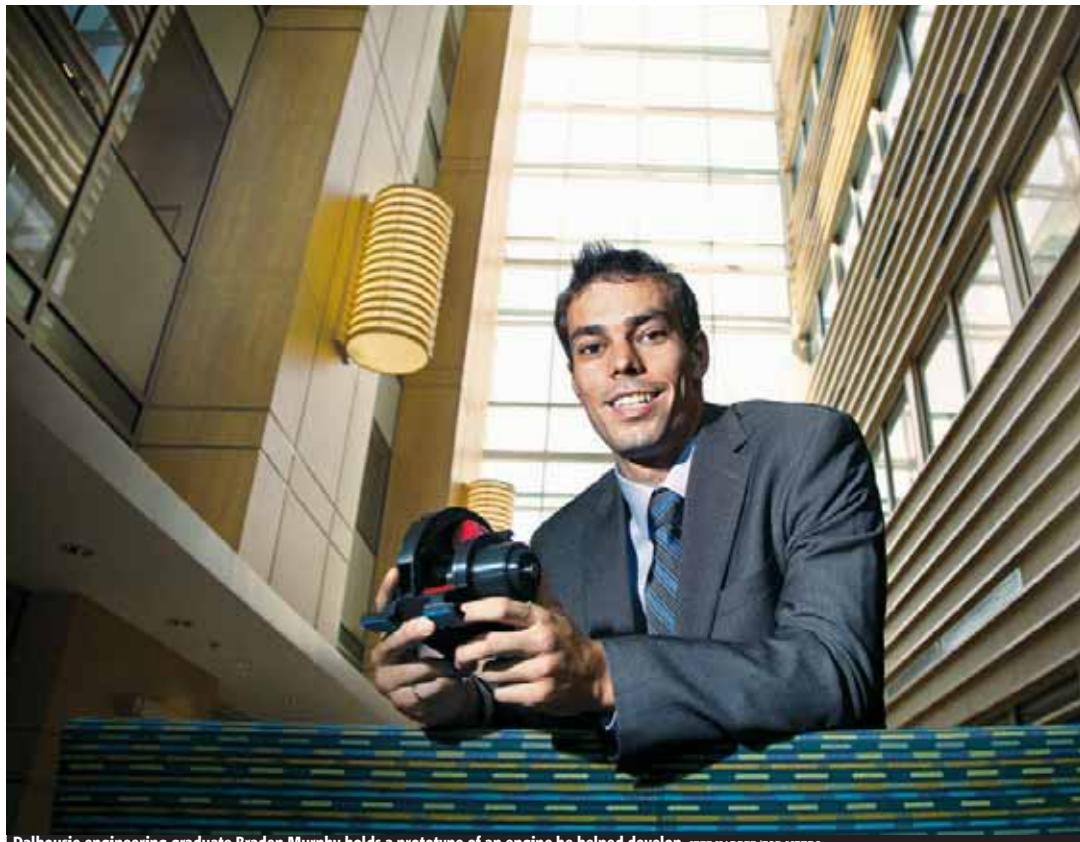
The advantages of the new model come from its shape, which is lighter and smaller than older models, said Murphy. The doughnut-shaped engine has pistons that continuously rotate around the driveshaft, creating power.

"The result is a high-power, high-torque, very compact motor. Especially at lower speeds, which tend to be a problem."

Other problems with conventional pneumatic engines or "air motors," is they are relatively large and inefficient, and they also have sealing and reliability issues.

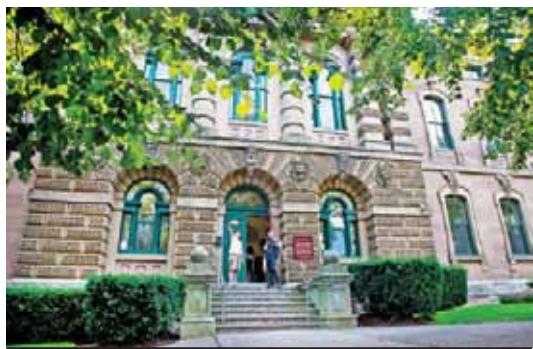
The innovative design also uses fewer parts than conventional products, and has specialized internal components that eliminate those problems, said Murphy.

The next step for Murphy, Doman and York Bridge is to commercialize their product, which will include various applications in the oil-and-gas industry as well as lawn and garden equipment and hand-held garden tools.



Dalhousie engineering graduate Braden Murphy holds a prototype of an engine he helped develop. JEFF HARPER/FOR METRO

Province looks at closing down Dartmouth court



The Spring Garden Road courthouse. JEFF HARPER/FOR METRO

The province is looking into combining the Halifax and Dartmouth provincial courts.

A request for proposal released on Tuesday will look at whether it's possible to expand the Spring Garden Road courthouse and move the Dartmouth court caseload there.

"One consolidated provincial court in Halifax Regional Municipality would reduce costs to the taxpayer, reduce wait times for cases, enhance safety of all participants and improve court access and efficiency," said Justice Minister Ross Landry in a press

Long way to go

"We still have a long way to go before a decision is made on whether there will be one consolidated provincial courthouse in HRM." Justice Minister Ross Landry

release Tuesday.

Without change, the two courthouses will face difficulties meeting demand, Landry said.

"There is increasing pressure on the two courts to meet the demand of the justice system. Over the past five years, there has been a substantial

increase in the number and complexity of court hearings at both locations.

The Spring Garden Road courthouse has six courtrooms housed in the 160-year-old, provincially owned heritage building.

Court cases at Dartmouth's provincial court's five court-

rooms are held in leased space on Pleasant Street.

A 1996 study found a renovation at Spring Garden Road and construction of an accompanying new building to accommodate additional courtrooms was feasible. The current request for proposal will update and improve on that study by looking at all aspects of having a consolidated provincial courthouse on that site.

"This is the first step in the process, and we're simply gathering information and doing our homework," Landry said.

ANDREW CALEY/FOR METRO

Closing date nearing

Creditors prepare to vote for NewPage sale

Creditors are preparing to vote on a proposal that is considered a crucial step towards finalizing the sale of an idle Cape Breton paper mill to a Vancouver company, the first of several

hurdles to be cleared before a proposed Aug. 31 closing date.

Wednesday's meeting in Port Hawkesbury will give creditors a chance to accept a settlement on what they're owed from NewPage Port Hawkesbury.

The Point Tupper mill closed last September, throwing some 600 employees out of work and affecting another 400 for

entry contractors. But it has retained about 115 workers to keep the facility in a so-called hot idle state so it can restart operations quickly once a sale is complete.

Pacific West Commercial Corp., an affiliate of Stern Partners Inc., has offered to buy the plant for \$33 million. The firm has said it wants to restart one of the mill's two machines by Sept. 1. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Camp Hill Hospital

Minister orders review of food served to veterans

The federal veterans affairs minister wants the quality of food served at a Halifax veterans hospital reviewed following complaints from some residents.

A spokesman for Steven

Blaney says the minister has instructed hospital officials to appoint an external dietitian to review food quality at Camp Hill Hospital.

The move comes following meetings with federal and hospital officials on Friday and Monday.

Some elderly veterans at the hospital have said that they wanted someone to take a closer look at a menu they complained was

bland, hard to eat and low on nutritional value.

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Central kitchen

1,000

The hospital, which is part of the QEII Health Sciences Centre, has a central kitchen that prepares meals for more than 1,000 patients and residents at seven facilities in the city.



The horror! Evan Fullerton-Oake, left, and Elizabeth Piercy of Sackville get their photo taken Tuesday with Jigsaw, the wooden puppet from the Saw movies, at the Halifax International Seaport Market. JEFF HARPER/METRO

You never Saw such a ship of ghouls

World's first horror cruise. Featuring characters from the Saw movies, Carnival Glory — or is that Gory — docks in Halifax

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The successful horror-film franchise Saw landed in Halifax on Tuesday by way of a cruise liner.

Haligonians got to meet their favourite cast members

from the franchise, which totals seven films and two video games, while the horror-themed Carnival Glory from New York docked in Halifax.

Fans even got to meet the notorious Jigsaw doll, a staple character.

"We love the gory movies," said super-fan Evan Fullerton-Oake, who has seen all of the Saw films. "And to get out and meet the people who made them is awesome."

The movies, about a serial killer who ensnares victims in gruesome traps, have a large following in Canada, six of the seven films having been made in Toronto. So a

Leatherface returns

Watch your head!

- Next year, look for a Texas Chainsaw Massacre cruise, after the new movie in 3-D is released.

stop in Halifax was a logical choice, said John Raybin, manager of the cruise and the Saw store.

"It's the perfect place to stop. We wanted to pay tribute to Canada and all they've done for the franchise. So

many of this cast and crew are Canadian, so this is great."

But the idea for the world's first horror cruise wasn't his, Raybin said.

"A bunch of fans came up to me and said, 'Let's do a cruise,' and I said, 'You're crazy.' But then I looked into it and there is a cruise for everything. Except horror.

"Saw is horror with a soul," he added. "That's what makes it so special."

Raybin said he hopes the cruise will return next year.

The Carnival Glory stopped in Saint John on Monday and returns to New York after its stay in Halifax.

Police seize thousands of ecstasy pills in raid

A Cape Breton man is facing a drug charge after police seized more 10,000 ecstasy tablets in a raid in Sydney Mines on Monday.

The bust by the RCMP federal drug unit and members of the Cape Breton Regional Police took place on Monday at about 3:15 p.m.

Officers executed a search warrant at a home on Victoria Drive in Sydney

Mines. Along with the ecstasy tablets, police seized two firearms and drug paraphernalia.

Wayne Frederick Cavanaugh, 42, of Sydney Mines, is charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking.

He was scheduled to appear in Sydney Provincial Court on Tuesday.

Police warn there is no

quality control with a street drug such as ecstasy, or MDMA. The concentration of the drug in a tablet can vary wildly, and a significant percentage is laced with other drugs such as methamphetamine and ketamine.

Ecstasy can affect the heart and brain and lead to death, police say.

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Busted

- The ecstasy tablets seized in Monday's raid were destined for communities in Cape Breton and across Nova Scotia, the RCMP federal drug unit in Sydney said on Tuesday.

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Russian sect eccentricity exaggerated?

Kazan. Questions raised over whether officials overstated how the sect lived

Russian authorities spoke of a creepy cult living in an "eight-level ant house" dug deep into the ground, where children were kept in unheated cells and starved of daylight.

A visit to the compound suggests a more ordinary reality.

A brief visit inside the compound, which provided shocking headlines around the world when police raided it and seized the children, revealed none of the elaborate underground design described by prosecutors.

Nor does a police video showing rooms inside.

The father of a cult member, who originally disapproved of his daughter joining

the group, said he was able to visit freely. The portrayals raise questions about whether authorities have exaggerated the eccentricity, to show they are cracking down on Islamic groups. The spokeswoman for Kazan prosecutors did not answer repeated calls to her office on Monday.

Police stumbled upon the bizarre sect in early August as they investigated what they described as a terrorist attack that killed a top cleric in oil-rich Tatarstan, where the population is 60 per cent Muslim.

Sect leaders are enraged over the seizure of the children and the police action against their project, and vowed to triumph.

"Allah will punish you," Gumer Ganiyev, the sect leader's deputy, yelled at police officers. "You will all die tomorrow." The fate of the sect's property remains unclear. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Proposed law comes back to bite Ryan

Republican U.S. presidential candidate Mitt Romney, front, and vice-presidential running mate Paul Ryan greet supporters in Wisconsin. Romney's eldest son, Tagg, and his wife announced the birth of twin boys in May with the help of in vitro fertilization and a surrogate mother. But that's a process that would be illegal under a proposed law Ryan once advocated, the Sanctity of Human Life Act. Co-sponsored by Ryan, the bill would have enshrined the notion that life begins at fertilization, essentially criminalizing in vitro fertilization.

MARY ALTAFFER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bus accident

Two killed, others injured in Quebec collision

Two people were killed in a violent collision that flipped a city bus onto its side and injured numerous other people Tuesday in Quebec.

The accident between the city bus and two cars occurred during rush hour, at around 6 p.m., at an intersection in an industrial park in Dorval, near the Montreal airport.

Police said two people were declared dead on the scene: a woman passenger in a BMW, and someone who was ejected from the bus. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Toronto mayor

Was Ford reading while driving? 'Probably'

T.O. Mayor Rob Ford admits he was "probably" reading at the wheel, but he says it didn't affect his driving. Twitter photos show him reading a piece of paper while driving an expressway. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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A pedestrian walks past a photograph of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, placed by supporters across the street from the Ecuadorian Embassy in central London, Tuesday. LEHTERIS PITARAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ecuador likely to decide this week on asylum for Assange

WikiLeaks founder.

President Rafael Correa says his country is concerned Assange will be extradited to U.S., where he could face death penalty

President Rafael Correa of Ecuador says he hopes he will be in a position to

make an announcement this week on whether he will grant political asylum to WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange.

Correa told state TV that it was necessary to examine a great deal of material about international law in order to make a responsible, informed decision. He said he expected to have the latest reports in hand by Wednesday.

Assange took refuge in

Ecuador's embassy in London in June to avoid extradition to Sweden, where he is wanted for questioning for alleged sexual misconduct.

Correa said Monday that Ecuador is concerned Assange could be extradited to the United States and possibly face the death sentence there.

Assange's supporters believe he has been secretly indicted there.

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Fort Hood killings

Army shrink's trial won't be delayed: Judge



U.S. Maj. Nidal Hasan
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

A U.S. military judge on Tuesday refused to again delay the trial of an army psychiatrist charged in a deadly shooting rampage at an army base in Texas, setting up a highly anticipated court-martial next week.

Maj. Nidal Hasan must plead not guilty Wednesday to the 13 counts of premeditated murder he currently faces in the 2009 attack at Fort Hood. Military law doesn't allow guilty pleas to charges that carry the death penalty as the maximum sentence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. Obama to let illegal immigrants under 30 stay for work with form, fee

Election year. Obama previously attacked for not doing enough for immigration reform

Naysayers

Critics of the program have called the policy backdoor amnesty and say they worry about fraud.

test for the White House.

Seeking re-election, President Barack Obama has come under fire by Hispanic voters and others who say he has not fulfilled a previous campaign promise to reform the nation's immigration laws.

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Hamburg a first**City recognizes Islamic holidays**

Authorities in Hamburg have become the first in Germany to officially recognize Islamic holidays so Muslim employees and students can celebrate them at home.

Similar agreements exist with Christian and Jewish

communities in the city. Hamburg's mayor, Olaf Scholz, hopes the deal will serve as an example for other German cities.

But the growing public presence of Islamic culture in Germany has sparked anger. Police in Berlin are on alert for violence this weekend after a far-right party said it plans to stage protests outside mosques.

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Hydro horror**Woman billed for streetlights**

A Connecticut power company has reimbursed a woman almost \$10,500 after acknowledging it billed her for 25 years for the electricity used to power streetlights near her home.

Grace Edwards said she

discovered the billing error after a prospective buyer for the house in Cheshire, Conn., asked for a history of utility charges.

Connecticut Light & Power removed the charges from her bill, but initially refused to reimburse Edwards for past charges. She said they relented when the state's Office of Consumer Counsel got involved.

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Abduction case**Pastor helped mom, child flee**

A pastor was convicted Tuesday of helping a woman flee the U.S. when she was on the brink of having to turn custody of her young daughter over to the woman who was once her partner in a civil union. Rev. Kenneth Miller, 46,

of Virginia, was charged with aiding in international kidnapping for helping Lisa Miller and her daughter, Isabella, leave the country.

Lisa and Isabella, now 10, were last known to be in Nicaragua. The country is not a signer of the convention on child abductions, which is designed to return children illegally taken from member countries.

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Youths battle police as hate boils over in troubled city

Flare up in northern France

France. A school, a gym and cars torched as riot police in Amiens face cascades of buckshot, fireworks

Months of mounting tension between police and young people in a troubled district of northern France exploded into deadly violence on Tuesday.

In a grim night in Amiens, dozens of youths firing buckshot and fireworks faced off against riot officers.

Seventeen officers were injured, a pre-school and public gym were torched, and at least three passing drivers in Amiens were dragged from their cars. A dozen cars were burned.

The immediate cause of the riots was unclear, but a standoff between police and people attending a memorial

for a young man who died in a motorcycle accident may have been one trigger. Officials stressed police were not involved in the death.

The eruption of violence shows how little relations have changed between police and youths in France's housing projects since nationwide riots in 2005 raged unchecked for nearly a month, leaving entire neighbourhoods in flames in the far-flung suburbs.

The sister of the young man who died in the motorcycle accident said it was impossible for people in her community to even speak with the police.

"As soon as they see young people, it's to handcuff them or harass them," said Sabrina Hadji, 22. "The dialogue is completely broken."

Hadji, whose 20-year-old brother Nadir died in the accident, added: "The police in Amiens really, really, really hate the people in the northern part of Amiens. They consider us to be animals."

Anger was still running high when Interior Minister Manuel Valls arrived in the neighbourhood Tuesday afternoon.

A small group of people tried to push through Valls' security detail as he walked through the area, alternately booing him, cursing him and trying to speak to him.

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After a night of rioting, a burned-out car sits on a street in Amiens, about 120 kilometres north of Paris. The French government has designated the city as one of 15 impoverished zones that will receive more money and security. GEORGES CHARRIER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Draped in Israel's flag, a newcomer pushes through a curtain at Ben Gurion Airport in Israel on Tuesday. ODED BALILY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jews follow their dreams ... to Israel

About 350 Jews from North America landed in Israel on Tuesday, planning to make the Jewish state their new home ... and maybe even to fight.

Their arrival coincides with an escalating debate over whether Israel should attack Iran's nuclear facilities.

Israel and many in the West believe Iran may be aiming to produce nuclear weapons. Iran denies that.

The newcomers dismissed all the risks.

"I'm not nervous about Iran," said 18-year-old Becca Richman, who left her family in Philadelphia to serve in the Israeli military.

"Honestly I'm more nervous about fitting into Israeli society than I am being in the army. This is my dream. This is what I came to do."

Nearly 130 other army recruits were on Tuesday's char-

Quoted**"As the Jewish state progresses and rises, so does anti-Semitism."**

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, welcoming the newcomers

tered flight.

The immigrants were met by throngs of family members, flags, banners, a stage

and live music.

Among the dignitaries greeting them was Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. He commended them for deciding to "link their personal future with the future of the Jewish state and the Jewish people."

More than 4,000 immigrants have arrived in Israel from the U.S., Canada and United Kingdom this year.

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Five Ugandan copter crash survivors found



A Ugandan air-force pilot is rescued from a helicopter that crashed on Mount Kenya on Sunday while en route to Somalia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hope fading. But rescuers don't expect seven missing soldiers to survive a third night on Mount Kenya

Rescue teams found two bodies and searched for at least seven soldiers and airmen on Tuesday after three Ugandan helicopter gunships crashed on Kenya's highest mountain.

Five survivors found on Tuesday had spent two nights on Mount Kenya in sub-freezing temperatures.

The aircraft were on their way to Somalia to help fight al-Qaida-linked militants.

Authorities could yet say why the three Russian Mi-24 helicopters crashed. Ugandan officials said preliminary information indicated that bad weather was responsible.

Mount Kenya — Africa's second-highest peak — has

Hypothermia risk

"At that altitude ... chances are that you might be killed of hypothermia."

Simon Gitau, deputy warden of Mt. Kenya National Park.

been shrouded in clouds even as rescuers tried to locate the wreckage from Sunday's crashes.

One point to be investigated will be whether the pilots took the wrong flight

path. Concerns were raised in Uganda that the well-trained crew flew too close to Mount Kenya. A Ugandan official insisted that there was nothing wrong with the helicopters.

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Fired hospital worker charged

Lies, weak regulation and poor communication allowed a radiology technician to move from job to job around the U.S. — even after he was fired twice by hospitals that said they caught him stealing drugs or tampering with medications.

David Kwiatkowski was arrested in July and charged in New Hampshire with tampering with needles and infecting at least 31 people with hepatitis C, a potentially life-threatening virus.

Records and interviews conducted by The Associated Press show that authorities could have halted Kwiatkowski's career four years ago after he was fired from a Pittsburgh hospital. But he went on to work at ten more hospitals, none of which knew about his history.

Kwiatkowski has pleaded not guilty.

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Argentina

Ex-president on trial for bribery

Argentina is putting a former president on trial for bribery. Fernando de la Rua is accused of paying \$5 million to a group of senators in exchange for their votes to remove worker protections in the year 2000, when the International Monetary Fund was making workforce flexibility a requirement for extending loans to Argentina.

The law was overturned long ago and the case is finally coming to trial after 12 years of preparation. A three-judge panel has accepted the bribery as fact; now prosecutors must prove De la Rua himself ordered the payments.

The trial is expected to stretch well into 2013 with more than 300 witnesses lined up including President Cristina Fernandez. She was a senator at the time but is not accused of taking a bribe.

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S. Korea marks Liberation day

A woman looks at national flags displayed on trees in front of Songpa-Gu Office, an old capital of Korea, in Seoul on Tuesday ahead of celebrations to mark the 67th anniversary of Korea's liberation from Japan's colonial rule. Liberation day falls on Aug. 15.

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Syria. Prime minister who defected urges army to take side of people

The Syrian prime minister who defected said Tuesday that Bashar Assad's regime is near collapse and urged other leaders to tip the scales and join the rebel side. The UN said an estimated 2.5 million Syrians have been injured, displaced or face problems securing food or other necessities, a sharp rise from about one million three months ago.

It was the first public statement by Riad Hijab since he left his post and fled to Jordan with his family last week. Hijab is the highest-ranking political figure to defect from Assad's regime.

"The regime is on the verge of collapse, morally and

Sanctions lifted

The U.S. is lifting sanctions against Syria's former prime minister after he announced that he is backing rebels fighting Syrian President Bashar Assad's regime. The Treasury Department says because Riyad Hijab is no longer a senior official in the Syrian government, he will no longer be subject to an asset freeze.

economically, in addition to cracks in the military," Hijab told a news conference in the Jordanian capital, Amman.

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Afghanistan

Market bombing marks deadliest day for civilians this year

Police say a motorcycle bomb outside a crowded bazaar in northern Af-

ghanistan has killed at least 10 people, including several children.

The blast brought the death toll to at least 46 in a bloody day for Afghanistan, after as many as 14 suicide bombers were involved in attacks in a southwestern city.

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'We would welcome help by any country': Iran

Quakes. During official visit to stricken area, Iran government changes tune on aid

In a change of heart, Iran said Tuesday it now welcomes foreign aid for victims of the deadly twin earthquakes that hit the country's northwest over the weekend.

The remarks indicated authorities were struggling to cope with the quakes' aftermath. Critics charged they failed to react quickly enough to help the region along the borders with Azerbaijan and Armenia, where the 6.4- and 6.3-magnitude quakes Saturday killed 306 people and injured more than 3,000.

"We would welcome help by any country," said Iran's parliament speaker, Ali Larijani, during his visit to the earthquake-stricken area on Tuesday.

Iran's government said it has provided shelter for about 50,000 people who lost their homes during the quakes, which have been followed by



Iranians search the ruins of buildings on Sunday after Saturday's earthquake in a village near the city of Varzaqan in northwestern Iran. ALI HAMED HAGHDoust/Mehr News Agency/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

scores of aftershocks.

A 5.3-magnitude aftershock on Tuesday afternoon jolted the town of Varzaqan again, the semi-official Fars news agency reported. Varzaqan was one of the weekend epicentres.

The Tuesday aftershock

quake also rocked Tabriz, the provincial capital, where frightened people poured into streets. No further casualties were reported. Many Tabriz residents have stayed outdoors, some in public parks, since the first tremors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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CAW wants to share in automakers' rising profits

Union. Canadian Auto Workers meets with top North American automakers to discuss new labour contracts

The Canadian Auto Workers said it doesn't expect to regain all of the concessions it made when automakers were struggling during the recession, but it wants to share in the profits now that the industry has rebounded.

"We aren't going in there demanding everything back from 2009," CAW national president Ken Lewenza said Tuesday as the union kicked off contract negotiations with the three big North American automakers.

"We're just saying that we have to find a way to share in the successes that our members have built over many years."

The union met with General Motors Canada on Tuesday morning and with Chrysler Canada in the afternoon.

It will meet with Ford Canada on Wednesday. Contracts

Sacrifices

"The companies have learned to make money even at low volumes. Workers' sacrifices have been a big part of that success."

Ken Lewenza, CAW national president

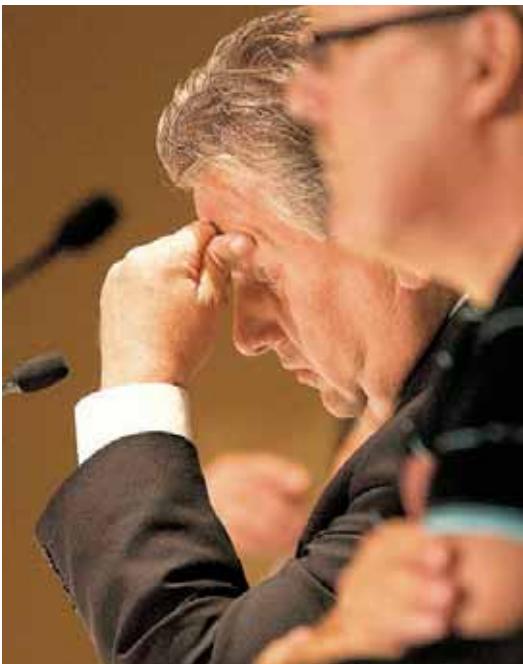
for workers at all three companies expire Sept. 17. The union made a number of concessions, including to wages, vacation time and cost-of-living payments, to help the ailing automakers during the 2008-09 recession.

Lewenza says the CAW is hoping to make some progress now that the companies are making a profit.

But a Chrysler Canada spokesman warned Tuesday that although the company has returned to profitability, it is not out of the woods.

"Those gains have been modest and it is critical that we not return to an uncompetitive situation," said Todd Bested, Chrysler Canada's director of labour relations.

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Ken Lewenza, national president of the Canadian Auto Workers union, rubs his forehead as he takes questions from the media following a meeting to discuss contracts with General Motors in Toronto on Tuesday. It was the first of a series of meetings with the big three automakers. MICHELLE SIU/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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CMHC. Canadian housing market to slow

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. (CMHC) is forecasting a moderate slowdown in new-home construction starts as well as sales of existing housing.

The Ottawa-based federal agency isn't calling for a major decline, but its latest forecast suggests next year will be somewhat softer than estimates

CMHC issued in June while 2012 may be somewhat stronger than previously expected.

CMHC has been saying for some time that it expects housing prices in most local markets will grow more slowly than they have been recently. It says housing starts and home sales have been strong in 2012 —

particularly when it comes to multiple-dwelling units such as condos and apartments — but will soften moderately in coming months into 2013.

In the latest forecast, CMHC estimates there will be between 196,800 and 217,000 units of housing started in 2012.

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Plummeting stock

Groupon decline unprecedented

Groupon's stock is 27 per cent cheaper as of Tuesday, but that doesn't make it a bargain. Its stock fell as analysts slashed targets and ratings on the online-deals company after it reported its first-ever quarter-to-quarter decline in gross billings, a measure of how much money Groupon collects from customers. Groupon blamed the weak economy in Europe, but analysts pointed to online-deals fatigue. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Olympic memorabilia

Wanted: Mary Poppins costume?

The London Olympics may be over, but it's not too late to take home a national flag from the athletes' parade, or a used javelin. Officials have put almost 2,000 Olympic relics up for auction, along with a replica of the Isle of Wonder book that Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling read from during the July 27 opening ceremony. The book's price had risen to 1,066 pounds (\$1,670 US) Tuesday. Among the items from the opening ceremony is a Mary Poppins hat. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Social media

Google+ switches to snappy addresses

Google+ is also appealing to users' narcissism, by switching its unwieldy web addresses for snappier ones.

The URLs will first be offered to verified users like brands and celebrities before being rolled out to the public. The addresses make pages easier to find and more memorable. Previously, Google+ pages were simply assigned a random string of numbers.

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Eligible to sell

Facebook stock 'lock-up' to expire

Facebook's early investors and a handful of directors will become eligible on Thursday to sell stock they own in the social-networking company.

It's conceivable none of them will sell. But if they do, up to 1.91 billion more shares could flood the stock market over the next several months — more than four times the 421 million shares that have been trading since Facebook's initial public offering in May.

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If Hugh Hefner is the male, er, face of the sexual revolution, Helen Gurley Brown was its female frontispiece.

I mean, anyone who has breast implants at 73 has earned pride of place in the Sexual Revolution Hall of Fame, just across the aisle from Barry White and two statues down from Madonna (oh wait, Madonna's membership is still pending).

Sadly, while Hefner keeps on ticking like a randy old grandfather clock, Gurley Brown's best-before date has finally expired (exhausted itself?) at the ripe old age of 90.

Obviously, there's something about an active sex life.

For those of you who don't know what I'm talking about, gather round. Helen Gurley Brown single-handedly brought 50 per cent of the human population into the modern era by publishing *Sex and the Single Girl* in 1962. She spent the rest of her considerable life updating the sexual revolution on a monthly basis as the editor of *Cosmopolitan*, the magazine that promises 30 Things to Do to a Naked Man.

The men of the world should be grateful, at least. Everywhere else, a naked man is usually arrested.

For women, reviews have been mixed. Gurley Brown may not have been the first to acknowledge in public that women have sex when they're not married, but she was certainly the first to promote it gleefully.

Feminists saw her as a male-chauvinist plot counselling women to adopt a kind of strategic subservience to get what they want — especially if what they want are multiple orgasms.

Not that there's anything wrong with that. "Lots of people did not know how to pronounce 'orgasm' before (*Cosmo*) was launched," said one *Cosmo* editor, quoted in the *Guardian*.

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people did not know how to pronounce 'orgasm' before (*Cosmo*) was launched," said one *Cosmo* editor, quoted in the *Guardian*.

Gurley Brown's real dirty little secret was that her dirty little secret was hard work. Nobody got into the office earlier or left later. She worked her way up from "mouseburger" from Arkansas, to super-secretary in L.A., to copywriter extraordinaire in L.A. and New York, and then to *Cosmo*, where she reigned supreme from 1965 until she finally stepped down (sort of) in 1997.

Along the way she attracted millions of readers looking for 75 ways to pleasure a man or look at Burt Reynolds naked. I have to admit, I looked at Reynolds naked but was disappointed because he wasn't really naked — he didn't take off his toupee.

Gurley Brown didn't have any children; she considered them competitors for attention. But she did spawn a generation of magazine editors, male as well as female, who work harder than anyone else to enumerate experience (37 Ways to Pound Sand!) on the covers of their magazines.

Finally, she left the best motto: "Good girls go to heaven, bad girls go everywhere."

Wherever she's gone, I'll bet it's hot.



Long before Carrie Bradshaw was drinking cosmos, Helen Gurley Brown, pictured, defined sex and the single girl as editor of *Cosmo*. GEORGE DE SOTA/NEWSMAKERS

Cold cuts to sink your body into



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Hamming it up

'Deli meats' tickle funny bone

Vegetarian Silvia Wald puts a cloth ham on the sales counter of her shop Aufschnitt (German for "cold cuts") in Berlin on Tuesday. Wald, an engineer in clothing technology, started in 2009 to design meat products from cotton stretch velvet, Lycra, wool or micro fibre with a realistic look.

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"The Girlfriends Of Cole Harbour" should be a new tv series



Whitney Houston stars in Sparkle in another movie that features a posthumous performance. HANDOUT

After their light fades out

Posthumous praise.

Houston's role in Sparkle isn't the only star to have a movie come out after their sudden death

the same name, stars the late singer in her final role.

The movie, in which she plays the single mother of a musical prodigy, was being heralded as her comeback, but instead is her swansong. She passed away in February, the result of an accidental drowning in the bathtub of her Beverly Hilton hotel room.

Houston's co-star Jordan Sparks said, "She lights up the screen, and you can just tell she's so full of joy to be doing this."

Houston is not the first performer to earn posthumous praise for a film role. In 2008 Heath Ledger won an Academy Award for his per-

formance as the Joker in The Dark Knight, released after his January, 2008 death from accidental prescription drug overdose.

River Phoenix, another actor cut down at the height of his popularity, didn't live to see his final completed film Silent Tongue, a movie described as "a haunting tale of love, death and shame in the Old West." Dark Blood, the film Phoenix was just 11 days away from finishing when he overdosed in front of the Viper Room in Los Angeles, was thought lost to time, but has recently been resurrected and will debut in September at the Netherlands Film Festival.

Old Hollywood also saw its share of tragic ends and last performances.

The 1930s superstar Jean Harlow died of renal failure while filming Saratoga. Instead of replacing her, MGM used three doubles (one for close-ups, another for long shots and third for dubbing the actress's lines) and rejigged the story. The salvaged movie became MGM's biggest hit of 1937.

Gary Cooper's last film, The Naked Edge, released a month after his death wasn't as well received.

Despite Cooper's best efforts — his cancer required that he take frequent oxygen breaks — the thriller was a flop.

On the Web



Nobel laureates including Desmond Tutu call for NBC to halt Stars Earn Stripes reality show



IN FOCUS

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Sparkle actress Tika Sumpter says the movie "adds another diamond" to the legend of Whitney Houston. The film, a remake of a 1976 picture of

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Movie review

Odd Life is oddly unbalanced

The Odd Life of Timothy Green

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The Odd Life of Timothy Green is a little fantasy about a peculiar kid who literally climbs out of the garden one night after a married couple write out the characteristics they seek in a son. It is a promising premise for a children's book but as a film, this comic-drama falls like the inexplicable leaves shedding from the mysterious kid's ankles.

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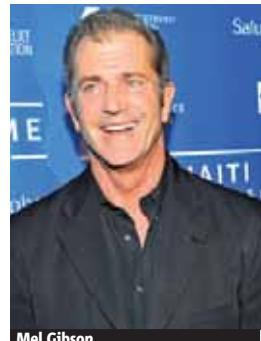
Posh Spice skips out on Olympic after-party

After their reunion on stage at the Olympics closing ceremony, the Spice Girls decided to keep the get-together going — minus one member — as they hit up George Michael's after-party, according to Hollyscoop. "They really enjoyed all being

back together," a source says, noting that Victoria Beckham decided to skip out on the revelry. "She did not go back out and so it was just the other four girls. Everyone was a little disappointed that she did not come out to celebrate after."

'That's life' — Gibson not expecting forgiveness

While many wonder if Hollywood will forgive Mel Gibson for his outbursts over the last few years, the actor himself isn't holding his breath. "I don't even think they're vindictive. I don't think they think there's reason to forgive," he tells ComingSoon.Net. "It is kind of ridiculous. It's kind of hard to pinpoint exactly what needs to be forgiven, and I don't consider that anything does because I didn't hurt anyone." Others may beg to differ, including ex-girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva and writer Joe Eszterhas, who taped one of Gibson's tirades after their work on a screenplay fell apart. "That's life," Gib-



son says of the incident. "It ain't easy and it's not fair. You've just got to slip the old water off the back and move on."

Aniston expands her wedding guest list

THE WORD

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Although he's been engaged to Jennifer Aniston for less than a week, Justin Theroux is already proving to be quite the family man. After years of estrangement, he's convinced Aniston to add her mother, Nancy Dow, to the wedding guest list.

"Justin comes from a tight-knit family, who he is

very close to. He preaches family values to Jennifer and he said to her he'd love a private, low-key ceremony with all their family members present," a source tells RadarOnline.

Aniston didn't invite Dow to her wedding to Brad Pitt in 2000 — which was only one year after Dow released an unwelcome book about her daughter — but the actress has since softened her stance.

"She agreed, said she'd forgiven her mom for her past discrepancies and that Nancy should be a guest at her second wedding," the source tells Radar. Is it a nice gesture? We guess. But this is like getting left out of the beach trip, then invited to the sandy drive home.



Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart

Split-couple not on highest paid celeb list

While the world waits for word on the status of Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart's relationship after Stewart's admission of cheating on Pattinson with director Rupert Sanders, the folks at Forbes magazine seem to have drawn their own conclusions. When the

magazine released its Highest Paid Celebrity Couples list last week, it left off Pattinson and Stewart, who ranked fifth last year.

"Stewart and Pattinson were, in fact, left off the list because they are broken up," a magazine rep tells the Huffington Post.

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Whether you're a longtime divemaster or just dipping your fins in to scuba, Mexico's muc bonita underwater landscapes beckon. Miles of reef chains, cenotes (natural sinkholes used as gateways to expansive subterranean river systems) as well as some of the best drift diving in the Western Hemisphere will have you itching to get wet.

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Don't be afraid of the bats! ISTOCK

Calvera, Temple of Doom

According to local lore, shipwrecked Spanish conquistadors met their watery graves here as human sacrifices to the rain god Chac. While it's not as booby-trapped as the one in the Indiana Jones film, it is as unsettling from the outset with ominously positioned cutouts in the roof of the cave resembling eye sockets. Then there's the ten-foot plunge into the mouth of the calvera (Spanish for skull) before hitting water. Once inside the underwater chamber overhead, a layer of fruit bats — also known as megabats will have your Spidey-sense tingling. Open water scuba diver certification is a must to explore the depths of this murky cavern.



Are you ready to swim with sharks? ISTOCK

Gordo Banks

If you're an experienced advanced diver and can handle the deep stuff (the shallowest part of this seamount lies under 130 feet of water), it's well worth the 13-kilometre boat ride from the coast of San Jose del Cabo. While the underwater mountain's lunar-like landscape is worth the trip alone, the highlight reel of this dive for many intrepid divers will be studying schooling hammerhead sharks, making eyes at manta rays and miming "en garde" at a passing swordfish. Live versions of familiar seafood plate in Tuna and snappers will also likely find their way into the frame of many of your underwater photographs.

5 underwater spots in Mexico

Isla Mujeres

A 13-kilometre swim from the beaches of Cancun, the Island of Women, a 650-metre wide sliver of an island, isn't just for hormonal college kids who took the municipality's names a tad too literally. This Isla offers a wide variety of dive sites to satisfy the full spectrum of diving tastes. Beginners can play a Seussical game of one fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish while ogling the vibrant sea life at Manchones Reef. Also, wreck divers exploring the 100-foot deep Ultrafreeze are an additional bonus. The cargo ship's iron and metal haul is a magnet for baitfish and so the bigger guys on the fish food chain including dolphins and barracudas often feed here. Meanwhile, art lovers can take in the Cancun Underwater Museum off the island's western coast. Eco-sculptor Jason de Caires Taylor's stunning 450-piece underwater statue garden is a synergy of art and conservation. The statues are made of pH-neutral cement to promote the growth of coral reef.



Dive sites abound off of Cozumel. ISTOCK

Paradise Reef

If you're transitioning from snorkeling to scuba this shallow reef 200 yards from Cozumel's western coast is a great place to earn your neutral buoyancy cred. While envious shore snorkellers spy the coral from a distance, you'll be able to get up close and personal with the colourful plankton catchers. Be sure to keep a lookout for spotted moray eels and sea horses. If you're not afraid to swim in the dark, Paradise Reef is a very popular night dive spot. Dive sites abound along the Mesoamerican barrier reef system which extends beyond Mexico's Caribbean coast into Belize, Guatemala and Honduras. It's the second largest in the world, behind Australia's Great Barrier Reef.



Catch the views above water, too. LISA ANDRES/Flickr

Sand Falls

Off the shores of San Lucas near Anega Rock, the sand cascades over submerged cliffs like an underwater waterfall. This curious phenomenon was first documented by the inventor of the Aqua-Lung and famed deep blue explorer, Monsieur Jacques-Yves Cousteau in the 1970s. Suitable for intermediate divers but still rewarding to even seasoned veteran underwater explorers, the sand falls start at a depth of 90 feet, so your bottom time will be limited. If the flowing sand isn't enough, the site is also home to over 300 species of sea creatures for your viewing pleasure.

On the web



VisitBritain hopes for post-Olympics boost from Spice Girls, Damien Hirst

Mediterranean goes fruity with watermelon-topped Greek pita

Not only are these Greek Pita Flatbreads easy to prepare, but they are also healthy and satisfying.

In this recipe, watermelon replaces traditional toppings, providing a unique, refreshing taste.

Remember, the fruit is 90 per cent water, making this dish very juicy.

These pitas are most ideal for a quick afternoon snack or to serve tapas-style at a summer gathering in your backyard.

1. Spread 15 ml (1 tbsp) tzatziki on each of the four

whole-wheat pitas.

2. Dividing all of the ingredients, top each pita evenly with cooked and sliced chicken breast, chopped watermelon, chopped cucumber, sliced red onion, crumbled feta cheese, pitted olives and cracked black pepper.

3. Garnish the top of each pita with fresh oregano and a wedge of lemon. Serve them immediately.

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Ingredients

- 4 whole-wheat pitas (15-cm/6-inches in diameter)
- 60 ml (4 tbsp) prepared tzatziki sauce
- 2 chicken breasts (each 175 g/6 oz), cooked and sliced
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) chopped watermelon
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chopped English cucumber
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) sliced red onion
- 60 ml (4 tbsp) crumbled feta cheese
- 12 kalamata olives, pitted
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) black pepper, cracked
- Fresh oregano leaves
- Lemon wedges

Greek Pita Flatbread



This recipe serves four. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Drink of the Week

Canadian take on Latin-American drink

- 1 muskmelon or 1 l (4 cups), strawberries or raspberries
- 375 to 500 ml (1 1/2 to 2 cups) cold water
- 30 to 45 ml (2 to 3 tbsp) lime juice
- 15 to 30 ml (1 to 2 tbsp) granulated sugar
- Melon cubes, for garnish

Peel and seed muskmelon. Cut into chunks and measure out 1 l (4 cups). Place in food processor and purée along with 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) water. Place sieve over bowl. Using back of ladle and pressing in circular motion, press fruit through. Stir in 30 ml (2 tbsp) of lime juice and 15 ml (1 tbsp) of sugar. Add more water if mixture is too thick (it should be thin). Add additional lime juice or sugar, if needed. Refrigerate and serve very cold. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ WATERMELON.ORG



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Management experience is a valuable asset, particularly if you're looking for an entry-level job.

Regardless of your area of expertise, a position as a manager indicates to prospective employers that you can be trusted with authority and are capable of maintaining a big-picture perspective while tending to particulars.

However, getting this experience can be a bumpy ride, particularly in the seasonal and part-time positions where students and recent graduates usually achieve management roles.

You might find yourself in charge of people significantly older than you, or former co-workers who had their eyes on your job. The following advice should help you stay afloat as



Admitting to your team that you need their help in a certain area shows them that you are honest and that you value their abilities. iSTOCK

you set sail in your management role.

Manage yourself

If you manage a group of individuals who already understand the full scope of their responsibilities (like a retail store, for example), you'll be able to provide a minimal amount of direction, reducing the likelihood of tension or misunderstanding.

In a more collaborative workplace, you'll need to provide oversight without interfering with group dynamics.

In either case, try and take a step back from your position of authority and allow employees to fill that space. Encourage as much communication and discussion as is appropriate. Any decisions that employees can make through group consensus should be left

to their discretion.

Outline roles

Some workplaces assign duties informally, teaching each employee his or her responsibilities through word of mouth. This can lead to tension when unexpected tasks arise.

If possible, formalize existing responsibilities in writing as a group.

This practice will hopefully encourage open discussion and collaboration when the unexpected happens, as well as ensuring all employees are familiar with each other's responsibilities.

It will also help ensure that no one can accuse you of sloughing unpleasant tasks onto one particular person you "don't like."

Reinforce the chain of command

Just as your staff answer to you, you're accountable to a higher-up. While you don't want to undermine your authority, make sure that your employees are aware of your role as part of a chain of command.

Frame team objectives not only in terms of tasks—be sure to emphasize long-term goals as dictated to you from above.

Accept the inevitable

As with any endeavor, you won't become a perfect manager overnight – it takes hard work:

- Be prepared to make mistakes, despite your best efforts.
- Accept that some people won't like your decisions.
- Push yourself to learn from this experience, but don't expect it to be smooth sailing.
- With luck, your first management position in a part-time or entry level job will be the start of a lifelong learning process.

If your staff are a sociable bunch, post-work gatherings can be a tightrope you have to cross.

People let off steam outside of work by saying things that they can't say at work. You don't want to overhear anything that might impact your ability to do your job professionally and above reproach.

At the same time, refusing to take any part in staff gatherings will make you seem unfriendly and aloof, and impact on morale and communication at work.

Try and walk a fine middle ground. Attend social events infrequently and avoid joining impromptu plans. When you go, stay long enough to talk to everyone briefly. Be neither the life of the party nor a wet blanket. Leave quietly, not furtively.

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Don't be afraid to admit to your team when you'll need to pass their questions up the chain. It's better to be honest about the limits of your knowledge than risk moving outside your authority.

Cut the social stuff

Student Voice

Plan for the worst and hope for the best

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I graduated in 2001, during the first tech bubble burst, with a Bachelor of Science from the University of Calgary. No one was hiring at all and in most science-and-technology-based companies massive layoffs and hiring freezes were taking place. I had to work at a coffee shop part-time to weather the storm.

After two years I managed to get my foot in the door with an oil exploration company, doing low-end work, again at a rate much lower than I desired considering the amount of time I invested in my education.

However, I thought it would be good work experience. After a year the company had to lay off staff and I was one of those laid off. It took another year of searching before I finally landed a job with another oil exploration company, this

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time as a field administrator. This job certainly did not require the education I had, but again I thought this would be a great stepping stone, and in a way it was. It took a placement company to get the current job I have now, after working temporarily with another temp agency.

My recommendations for students

Do your homework! I mean research into the demands for the type of degree you want to obtain within industry. Determine if this is feasible or impossible. The jokes about BA degrees are soon spreading into BScs; the workplace is particularly fussy to what exactly you study now. For graduates, take what you can get if something good is offered to you, even if it isn't exactly what you're looking for — you may like the job anyway or it could lead to something better later on. When you do start to work plan for the worst. Start saving money.

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Russian star Nail Yakupov during Tuesday night's Canada-Russia Challenge game at the Metro Centre. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Hockey Canada rejects Yakupov's complaints

Canada-Russia Challenge. Russian star claimed his team wasn't treated very well in Halifax

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Hockey Canada has rejected allegations from star Nail Yakupov that Halifax didn't provide Russia with all the comforts of home in the Canada-Russia Challenge.

Yakupov, this year's No. 1-overall pick of the Edmonton Oilers, told TSN on

Monday following Russia's 6-5 win over Canada at the Metro Centre, "We don't have a dryer (for equipment), nobody don't want to help us here, and I don't know why."

Not true, says Scott Farley, vice-president of marketing and events for Hockey Canada.

"From our standpoint, we provided everything to Russia that was provided to Canada," Farley said. "The Russian team has been treated very well since they showed up.... When we heard the concerns from the player, we went directly to the Russian team management and they are quite happy with how they've

been treated in Halifax. I think those were some comments that weren't valid."

Yakupov went on to say his team's equipment was wet throughout Monday's game and that no fruit was provided to the players. But Farley said Russia — like Canada — was provided with fruit and snacks, as well as a washer, dryer and fans in the dressing room for their equipment.

Farley said the high humidity may have been a factor in equipment not staying dry.

"They were provided with fans — I don't know what their team trainers did with the fans — but they certainly were pro-

vided with that equipment to make sure their stuff was dry," Farley said. "They were provided with their own washer and dryer and with support to work those.... They had food, they had snacks."

"From the (Russian) team-management standpoint, there were no issues. I'm not sure where the player's comments were coming from."

Farley added that the volunteers and officials in Halifax have "gone above and beyond" what anyone expected in hosting the second half of the four-game series, which celebrated the 40th anniversary of the 1972 Summit Series.

Mooseheads

Ciampini invited to Canadiens camp

Halifax Mooseheads left-winger Luca Ciampini has been invited to training camp with his hometown Montreal Canadiens next month.

Ciampini, who revealed the news on his Twitter account @lucaciampini on Tuesday, was a candidate to be selected in the 2012 NHL draft but was passed over.

The 18-year-old, selected second overall by the Mooseheads in the 2010 QMJHL draft, had 11 goals and 24 assists for 35 points in 68 games last season.

He was ranked 196th among North Americans for the draft at mid-season before slipping off the agency's final list.

Andrew Ryan, another Mooseheads forward passed over in the NHL draft, is also going to an NHL training camp. The 18-year-old was invited in June to attend the St. Louis Blues' rookie camp next month.

Both tryouts are contingent upon the NHL and NHLPA agreeing to a new collective bargaining agreement. The current deal expires Sept. 15.

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Luca Ciampini QMJHL

Mobile sports



As Canada's Olympians return home, another crop of athletes is heading to London. The Canadian Paralympic team was officially named Tuesday during a send-off at Toronto's Pearson Airport. Some 145 athletes will suit up in 15 sports for Canada, which is aiming for a top-eight finish in the medal standings. Scan the code for the story.

Moose stars shine as U-18s stay unbeaten



Mooseheads goaltender Zach Fucale. METRO FILE

Canada is cruising its way through the preliminary round in search of its fifth straight gold medal at the Ivan Hlinka memorial under-18 men's hockey tournament in Piestany, Slovakia.

With the help of Halifax Mooseheads stars Nathan MacKinnon and Zach Fucale, Canada outgunned Sweden 7-5 on Tuesday to stay unbeaten at 2-0 heading into Wednesday's final day of the preliminary round.

The 16-year-old MacKinnon, a Cole Harbour native, scored just 32 seconds into the contest, while Fucale, 17, made 36 saves in his second straight start.

"It was a high-emotion, high-intensity game," said Fucale, who was the Mooseheads' co-MVP along with MacKinnon last season.

"It was a lot of fun to be a part of because Sweden is a very good hockey team and we wanted to match them and win. We gave it a really good team effort and we got the result we wanted."

Max Domi scored twice for Canada, which jumped out to a 5-2 lead early in the second period. Sam Reinhart, Anthony Duclair, Morgan Klimchuk and Curtis Lazar also scored.

Jonathan Drouin, the third member of Mooseheads on Team Canada, was held off the

score sheet.

Fucale, whose squad was outshot 41-38, has now stopped 66 of 72 shots through two games for a .916 save percentage. He said the coaching staff haven't told the goaltenders who will start the preliminary-round finale against Slovakia on Wednesday.

"I'm feeling good and the boys are really playing well in front of me," Fucale said. "We're gaining chemistry as games go on and guys are looking forward to (more wins) in the tournament."

Thursday is a day off followed by semifinals on Friday and the medal round on Saturday. MATTHEW WUEST/METRO



NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr, centre, speaks at a press conference on Tuesday in Toronto with some of the NHL's top stars. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Players willing to take less in new CBA

NHL. NHLPA's offer designed to produce 'a stable industry,' says union head Fehr

As it tabled its first offer in the latest round of NHL labour talks, the NHL Players' Association presented itself as a partner looking to help fix the league's problems — but not one willing to bear all the burden.

Flanked by superstars Sidney Crosby and Alex Ovechkin, NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr said Tuesday the union's offer includes a smaller percentage of revenues for players and an expanded revenue-sharing program to help struggling teams.

"We do believe that the pro-

League's response

An NHL proposal tabled last month called for a significant decrease for players in revenue share by introducing new contract restrictions, including a five-year cap on deals.

• Commissioner Gary

Bettman said he hopes to continue talks Wednesday.

• "It's clear to me that they didn't put (the counter-offer) together in an hour or two.... We're going to need to take a little bit of time to evaluate it," Bettman said.

posal the players made today, once implemented, can produce a stable industry ... that can give us a chance to move beyond the recurring labour strife that has plagued the NHL the last two decades," said Fehr.

By the union's calculations, the deal could see players give up as much as \$465 million US in revenue if the league continues to grow at an average

rate for the next three seasons. The proposal includes de-linking the salary cap from hockey-related revenue and setting a fixed rate — increasing by two per cent for the first year, four per cent for the second and six per cent for the third.

Afterwards, the players would hold an option to have the fourth year revert back to

the current system, where they are entitled to receive 57 per cent of all revenues.

The NHLPA's belief is that owners would pocket more profits over the first three years of the deal, some of which could be dispersed to struggling franchises in an effort to strengthen the league overall.

"I like it a lot," Crosby said of the proposal. "I think, as Don said, it's addressing the issues that the league has. (We're) making sure as players that we do our part to help those (struggling) teams out, but also holding the teams accountable."

"At the end of the day, it's going to take both (sides) to do that."

The current CBA expires Sept. 15 and the NHL has said there will be a lockout if a new agreement isn't in place by then. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB. Three-run fifth gives White Sox win over Jays

The Chicago White Sox scored three runs in the fifth inning, the third on a throwing error by Toronto starter Henderson Alvarez, to defeat the Blue Jays 3-2 on Tuesday.

The teams have each won one game halfway through the four-game series.

Chicago starter Jose Quintana (5-2) allowed eight hits, two walks and two runs in 6 2/3 innings to gain the win. Addison Reed allowed one hit in 1 1/3 innings to earn his 21st save.

Alvarez (7-10) allowed seven hits, no walks and three runs (two earned) in seven innings for the loss.

Toronto (55-61) went ahead

2-0 in the third. Rajai Davis led off with a double, stole third and came home on Mike McCoy's grounder to Chicago's shortstop.

The White Sox (63-52) grabbed the lead with a three-run fifth.

A.J. Pierzynski led off with a single, moved to second on a one-out single by Dayan Viciedo and took third on Gordon Beckham's fly out to the warning track in right. Alejandro De Aza singled to score a run. Dewayne Wise singled to tie the game. Alvarez threw wildly on a pickoff throw to first base to allow De Aza to score to put Chicago into the lead. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Jays shortstop Yunel Escobar turns a double play in Toronto on Tuesday. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

MLB

Catcher Mathis earns extension in Toronto

The Toronto Blue Jays have signed catcher Jeff Mathis to a two-year, \$3-million US contract extension, the club announced Tuesday.

The deal includes a \$1.5-million club option for the 2015 season.

Mathis, 29, is batting .215 with nine doubles, six home runs and 19 RBIs in 46 games with Toronto this year. In 38 starts this

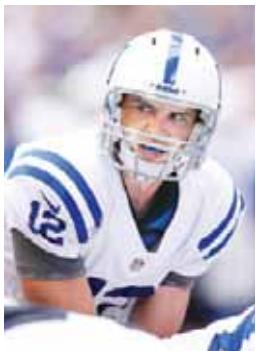


Blue Jays catcher Jeff Mathis GETTY IMAGES FILE

season he has committed just one error in 305 total chances.

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NFL. Colts star rookie Luck just focused on improving



Colts No. 1 draft pick Andrew Luck

GETTY IMAGES FILE

Andrew Luck brought his revised to-do list to work on Tuesday.

Make better protection calls. Complete more passes. Get ready for his first NFL road test at Pittsburgh.

For now, it's short and simple.

"I think you just try and get better," Luck said Tuesday when the Colts returned to practice at Anderson University in Indiana. "Obviously, it was nice to go out and play a game and do some good things, do some bad things."

Bad things? Good luck finding those in Sunday's 38-3 victory over St. Louis.

Keeping perspective

Nobody understands better than Andrew Luck that it was only one game, and a pre-season game at that.

• Rams players said they didn't give Luck many

All Luck did in his first NFL exhibition game was go 10-of-16 for 188 yards with two touchdowns and a 142.6 quarterback rating, leading the Colts to their most lopsided pre-season win since a 35-0 shellacking of Washington in 1966.

Since then, analysts and observers have spent countless hours heaping praise on the man who had been called the most NFL-ready quarterback since Peyton Manning entered the league in 1998.

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The right look is critical for any sport ute-style vehicle and Subaru has provided the Crosstrek with its own distinctive nosepiece, front and rear bumpers, roof rails and rear spoiler.

In addition, extra cladding for the wheel arches and rocker panel has been installed.

Ground clearance

The slightly bigger front brake rotors add stopping power and a hiked-up suspension provides 22 centimetres of ground clearance, which is about eight more than the Impreza. That's just shy of the competing Jeep Patriot's 23-centimetre stance and should be plenty for straddling rock-strewn terrain and fording shallow streams.

2013 Subaru XV Crosstrek

- **Type:** Four-door, all-wheel-drive compact hatchback.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.0-litre DOHC horizontally opposed four-cylinder (150).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 7.5/5.5.
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** \$29,000 (est.).

Engine



The horizontally opposed engine layout lowers the centre of gravity and provides all kinds of underhood room.

The Crosstrek's 148-horsepower 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine comes straight from the Impreza. That's significantly less oomph than the pre-2012 170-horsepower Impreza, but the offset is 7.5 l/100 km city and 5.5 l/100 km highway ratings that crush the old "Imp's" 10.4/7.7 numbers.

Review

It's the right Subaru for the times

MALCOLM GUNN
Wheelbase Media

Is this Subaru for real, or is the new XV Crosstrek arriving this fall just faking it?

If another automaker attempted to elevate one of its small wagons to the status of "off-roader," it would risk becoming an industry laughing stock.

But Subaru is different. It always has been. And just when you think the Japanese-based company has settled down and become a conservative member of the community, it ratchets up the funkiness and creates this bold and brash offshoot of its Impreza wagon.

You just gotta love it.

In developing the niche-oriented Crosstrek, the Impreza wagon was an ideal starting point.

Subaru completely re-

invented its popular entry-level model for the 2012 model year, making it larger, better looking and significantly more fuel-efficient (albeit less powerful) than before. And with its standard four-wheel-drive, the Impreza has the right stuff to be converted into a pseudo Rubicon Trail-conquering hero.

The reality, however, is that the Crosstrek is best suited for rough road and weather conditions plus limited off-trail adventuring.

Anyone familiar with Volvo's XC70 wagon will think of this Subie as a scaled-down and less expensive copycat as well as sharing kinship with the current Subaru Outback wagon.

Adding the XV Crosstrek to a growing lineup that now also includes the BRZ sports coupe gives Subaru a wider cross-section of vehicles.

It's by no means a Jeep or Land Rover-style rock-crawler, but for more typical rugged outdoor activities, the XV Crosstrek is about as real as it gets.



The interior is basically a carbon copy of the standard Impreza interior.



More ground clearance, custom-looking wheels and rounded rear make quite the visual statement.

By comparison



1 Volvo XC70 AWD
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2 Jeep Patriot 4x4
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Aimed at value-minded weekend adventurers, the Honda Element was designed to offer reliable versatility and all-weather driving confidence. A flexible cabin with thoughtful touches helped Element connect with outdoorsy couples, pet lovers and families.

Reverse-hinged rear doors and no centre pillar created a large opening into the vehicle. Removable rear seats added flexibility too. Other feature content included tire pressure monitoring, tinted glass, remote entry, satellite radio, Vehicle Stability Assist (VSA) power accessories, cruise control and more.

Common Issues

Be sure the Element's keys work properly in all door locks, and ensure the remote works as expected. Ensure the tailgate opens, closes and latches properly with no slamming. Note that the key and latch-related problems mainly affected earlier models.

Check the interior and exterior for signs of excessive wear, noting any cracking, ripping or peeling of seat material, excessive scraping or scuffing to the door sills or cargo area trim, and wear to the vehicle's carpeting.

Check that all interior accessories work as expected, too.



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Engine



A 2.4-litre four-cylinder VTEC unit with 160 or 166 horsepower was on board, teamed with a four or five-speed automatic, or a five-speed manual. All Wheel Drive was available.

What Owners Like



Generous cargo capacity, flexibility, gas mileage, styling and a solid, fun-to-drive feel are typically reported by Element's owners. Manoeuvrability and a commanding view of the road are also praised.

What Owners Dislike



Blind spots, low towing capacity, modest power output and the four-seat cabin are among the most common complaints of the Element.

Verdict

Where versatility and an upscale, compact driving experience are priorities, Element should satisfy. A front-drive, manual-equipped model should prove the least expensive to insure and fuel.

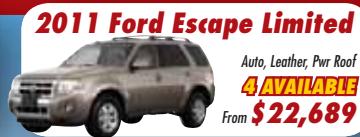
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From grade-schoolers raising a buck for the band, to Butch in the driveway with a hose and a sponge, the art of the car wash has been around for as long as ... well, as long as the car.

Some folks are meticulous about keeping their cars clean. Others wait for the next rainstorm to do the job. But for those of who question Mother Nature's detailing ability, what's the best method for keeping a vehicle clean?

Does the TLC of a hand wash in the driveway outweigh the convenience and ease of the automatic/drive-thru wash? Not a chance, at least according to a 2007 study from the University

of Texas at Arlington.

"The results are depressing, at least to the car owner who, up to now, has firmly believed in hand washing," the study findings were summarized in part. "...Under the microscope, the paintwork (after hand washing) looked like a cratered landscape. The paintwork was deeply scored and scratched — the result of dirt and trapped sand particles."

The two cars used in the study were each washed 25 times — estimated to be a year's worth of car washes — one by hand, and the other by machine. After which the paint "scars" were examined by microscope on both vehicles.

"By comparison, the surfaces of the test vehicle washed with automatic car washing equipment appeared different," the summary reported. "It was remarkably smooth, the result of evenly moving and rotating cloth pads and curtains."

Experts say if left unattended acids in bird poop, bug guts



A not-quite-white Audi R8 seems like the perfect way to test out a couple of wash methods. We hand washed the passenger side (including the roof, hood and hatch) by hand, took photos, and then drove the whole thing through a touchless automatic car wash to compare. Research might show less damage with an automatic wash as opposed to contact with a wash mitt, but the hand washed car was cleaner overall. It would seem that the direction you choose depends on the time you have and how fussy you are. HANDOUT

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and tree sap can cause paint to fade and do serious damage to the finish. And that was our cue to test out a couple of theories ... on a \$160,000 Audi R8.

Hey, what's in that goop?

While the University of Texas study indicates automatic car washes are the safest, thoughts of vehicle damage and the great unknown of what the heck is coming out of those spray nozzles makes every car owner squeamish at the wash.

Sure, the colourful foam that looks like regurgitated cotton candy smells curiously nice but what is it? That "soap" is just a mix of Sodium Dodecylbenzenesulfonate, Neodol, a surfactant, a little added scent, and water ... all of which sounds like a mad-chemist's evil cocktail, but is actually benign when mixed properly.

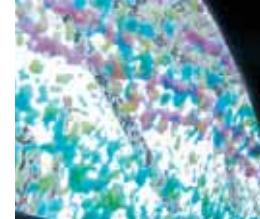
The first mouthful — Sodium Dodecylbenzenesulfonate — is a common ingredient in laundry detergent that helps to loosen the dirt when mixed with water. Neodol is widely used in common surface cleaners, and helps give the car a waxy protective finish. And the surfactant helps the water work peacefully with the detergent in the cleaning process.

The familiar conveyor-type car wash operates on an intricate system of lasers, mitter curtains, computers, scrubbers, nozzles, hydraulics, brushes and dryers, which is a design that has been around since the 1930s and has evolved since.

For the novice, mitter curtains are the long, soft, stationary strips of cloth that hang near the entrance of the wash



Pretty much any physical contact with the paint surface can cause scratches, but when drying it helps to start with a clean towel. Unless it's spitting out fire or gravel, the air dryer at the automatic car wash wins this round. HANDOUT



After two passes with the soap, the auto wash spits this stuff all over the car. Whatever it is — apparently wax — it smells great. And you never have to get out of your car. Two more checkmarks for the auto wash. HANDOUT

tunnel. Scrubbers are the large, rotating cylinders with hundreds of small cloth strips attached to them. These rotate and a high rate of speed and would feel like a whip if you decided to roll down the window.

The more recent touchless wash systems use high water pressure to clean the vehicle instead of brushes, minimizing the chance of surface damage and lowering liability costs for car wash proprietors. The nozzles of each jet are arranged like a pinwheel and the incredible force of the water rapidly spins these wheels to create a circular pattern and the necessary scrubbing action.

These newer high-pressure washes can use 1,200-1,500 litres of water per car, or the equivalent of 60-75 of those 20-litre pails you might use at home. To conserve water and reload for the next wash, these systems usually have a pressure tank situated nearby to recapture and recycle the water through a filtration process.

Once the car is washed, a protective wax is often applied that is different from over-the-counter wax brands because it is formulated to also work on glass, chrome and rubber, though it does not provide the same level of protection or help to cover up/repair tiny scratches as standard wax does. Old habits die hard, and the results of one study might not persuade Butch or the other driveway do-it-yourselfers from changing their ways. In our little experiment, the touchless car wash performed surprisingly well, but left brake dust on the wheels and a few bugs in the grille.

But one thing is clear: given the choice between potential hazards from birds, bugs and trees, or those from either type of car wash, always choose the latter. **TODD BURLAGE IS A FEATURE WRITER WITH WHEELBASE MEDIA. YOU CAN MESSAGE HIM USING THE CONTACT FORM AT WHEELBASEMEDIA.COM. WHEELBASE MEDIA IS A WORLDWIDE PROVIDER OF AUTOMOTIVE NEWS AND FEATURES.**

First-time new-vehicle buyers aren't so young

Talking about the old folks. You can sell a whippersnapper's car to an older person, but not the other way around

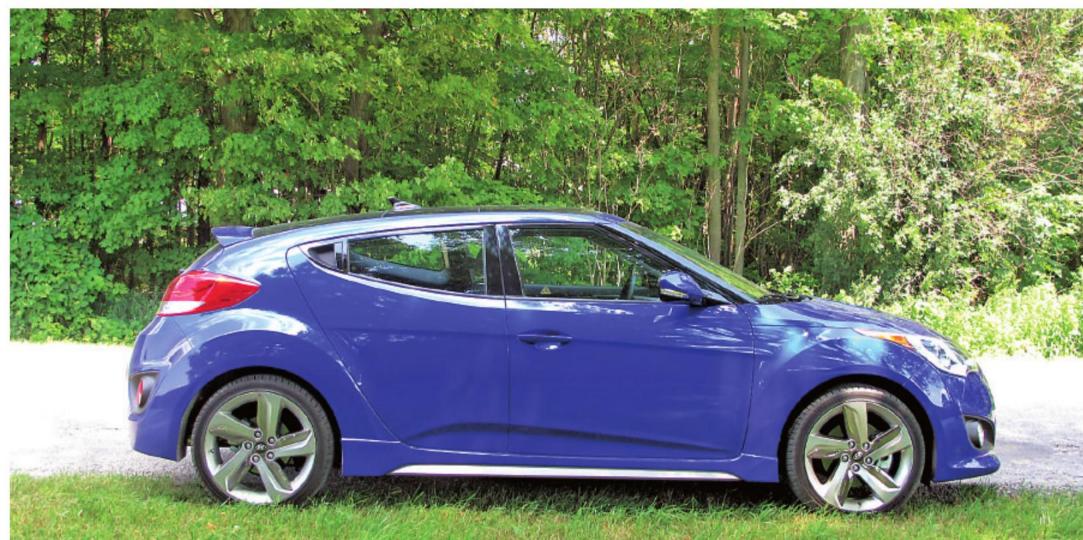


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In a recent study, with a sample size of one (me), the findings are that 50 might be the new 30, but only when you consider a very small and select group of body parts. All other body parts are very adamant about being 50 or better.

In another study, this time by the automotive research arm of Maritz Canada, and with a much larger sample size, the findings are that 50, or more precisely, 50.8, is the average age of new-vehicle buyers in this country. With such a large post-war baby boom in Canada, it shouldn't be a surprise that most buyers are 50-something, but it still seems surprising, or at least surprising-ish.

Now consider this: The average age of first-time buy-



Hyundai Veloster is targeted at Generation Y, but older drivers like it too. With more older buyers ready, willing and able to drive the vehicle home, they've pushed the medium age of the Veloster buyer in Canada to 46. CONTRIBUTED

ers is 38!

"This is not to say the 20-24 age group is not buying cars, just that they aren't buying them in numbers that people may think," says Chris Travel of Maritz Canada. "The action is with older customers, not only in sheer

numbers, but also in their ability to pay for vehicles."

Money is obviously a thing that can keep a young buck separated from a \$196,400 Porsche 911 Turbo S. One thing young people certainly have lots of is "no money."

John Vernile is vice

president of marketing at Hyundai Auto Canada. He notes that Hyundai's average buyer age hovers around 50, even when the vehicles are targeted to young people. For example, the medium age of Accent buyers is dead on 50, while the medium age of

Elantra buyers is 53. Again, this is not to say that young people don't buy them, they do, just that older folk buy more.

According to Maritz, when young people do buy new, they do head most to the subcompact and com-

pact segments. But considering how many older people buy the things too, it seems a bit weird to me somehow, that the marketing of these vehicles is so heavily skewed to the younger, beach volleyball set. But at least it conforms to an old auto industry maxim — you can sell a young person's car to an older person, but can't sell an older person's car to a younger person.

Vernile notes that Hyundai is particularly interested in the young buyer.

"Our loyalty rate, at 52 per cent, is among the highest in the industry. Once we get 'share of driveway' we tend to hang on to our customers, as they move through their life stages."

Another factor in this discussion, of course, is that this current crop of young people is just not as interested in getting behind the wheel as previous generations. We talked about this cultural shift before.

I still don't get it, but if middle age has taught me anything, it's that the list of things I don't get is infinite and expanding — so no sense in getting hung up on every little mystery that comes along.

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Ford Focus Titanium

The Focus Titanium is full of thoughtful little touches that do big things to make it delightful. A cap-less fuel filler, one-touch up and down windows, embossed leather seats, LED mood-lighting and a colourful, deep and detailed interior with heaps of at-hand storage are some examples. Ford Sync, keyless start, and a self-parking system add high-tech appeal, and an ultra-modern and premium cabin atmosphere rounds out the package.

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Aries

March 21 - April 20

Someone you work with will try to sabotage your efforts today. They won't succeed, but it might be an idea to ask yourself why they are being so mean. Most likely they are jealous of your popularity.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Before a disagreement of some sort gets out of hand, try standing back and seeing things from the other person's point of view. Maybe you are being a bit too harsh. Maybe they need encouragement.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Take care not to be wasteful over the next few days. No matter how much you think you need something and no matter how much of a bargain you believe it is, wait before reaching for your wallet.

Cancer

June 22 - July 21

You may be rather emotional today but nothing bad will come of it. The important thing is that you don't allow yourself to overreact. Whatever your current problem may be, it's not the end of the world.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You may not want to force a friend or loved one to do something against their will but you have no choice. The fact is you are going to have to crack the whip – it's the only way to get them moving.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Different people have different personalities and because of that tend to look at the world in different ways. Bear that thought in mind when dealing with someone who, to your way of thinking, seems a bit stupid.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Someone in a position of power will give you a hard time today but now that you are aware of that fact, you can take evasive action. Stay out of their way if you can — and, if you can't, refuse to be riled.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Something that you committed to a few weeks ago no longer grabs you, mentally or emotionally, in the way it once did. Too Bad. You made a promise to other people, so you must see it through to completion.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Never, ever allow yourself to get emotional about money. The moment you break this cardinal rule is the moment you start asking for trouble. If you need to cut your losses then do so.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Someone you work or do business with is being annoyingly obstructive and things will come to a head over the next 24 hours. A parting of the ways may well be the only option left open to you.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You seem to be lacking a sense of urgency at the moment, which is holding you back from starting something that could be good for you. Today's Mars-Saturn link will push you into action.

Pisces

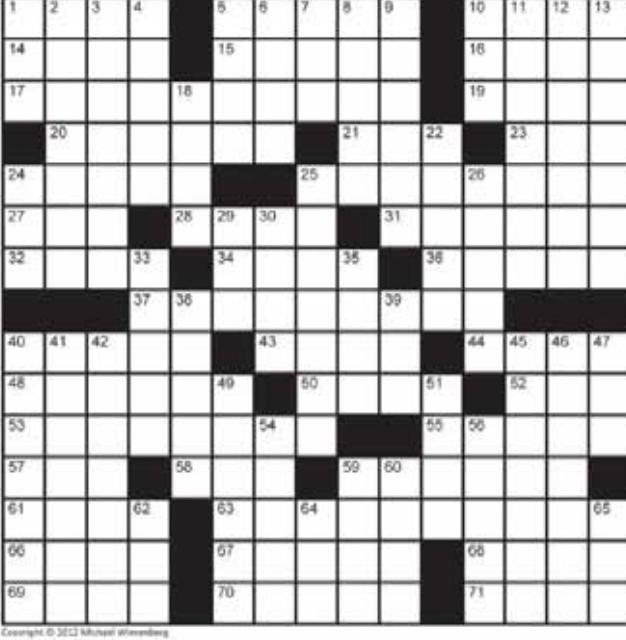
Feb. 20 - March 20

You may be tempted to go your own way and do your own thing but the planets warn you won't get far. Some things are better done in alliance with other people to spread the risk and share the joys of success. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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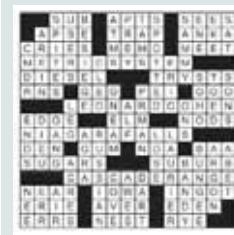
Across

1. US government agent, for short
5. "___ in the hand is worth two ..." (2 wds.)
10. Barber's concern
14. Tiny bit
15. Breezy Hawaiian room
16. Throb
17. Prominent Prairie Provinces feature
19. False god or idol
20. Ottawa-born songstress Morissette
21. Here: Fr.
23. 506: Rom. numerals
24. String quartet member
25. Canadian lawmen
27. Special connections
28. "Monster" that's really a lizard
31. ___ of Georgia: Gulf Islands location
32. Predicament
34. Pig sound
36. Leases out
37. July 1 holiday (2 wds.)
40. Room under the roof
43. Pro ___: proportionately
44. Agreed-on guidelines: abbr.
48. Knucklehead
50. Crypt
52. Picante
53. East Coast's ___ Provinces
55. "___ having fun yet?" (2 wds.)
57. "How was ___ know?" (2 wds.)
58. Bigheadedness
59. Like some measures (metres and feet, say)
61. ___ of baseball: scores
63. One of 53-Across (2 wds.)
66. Artist born Romain de Tiroff, from his French initials
67. Excluding, with "from"
68. Angers
69. Winter forecast
70. Rental contract
71. Not more



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Yesterday's Sudoku

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9	5	7	4	6	3	2	8	1
7	9	6	5	3	6	1	4	2
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5		4		

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